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SUBJECT: USG REPRESENTATION LIST 17

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1. DRAFT COPIES OF USG REPRESENTATION LIST 17 WERE RECEIVED AT EMBASSY JUNE 19. INFORMATION FROM CONSULAR FILES INDICATES SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS ARE NEEDED TO BRING LIST UP TO DATE. EMBASSY THEREFORE PROPOSES TO REVISE LIST BEFORE PRESENTATION.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES REVISIONS NECESSARY FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRST, DRAFT LIST CONTAINS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF EXIT PERMISSION, SOME OF WHOM WERE GRANTED PERMISSION IN DISTANT PAST. ONE OF TRADITIONAL SOVIET RESPONSES TO USG REPRESENTATIONS LISTS HAS BEEN THE REJOINER THAT A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE FAMILIES LISTED HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED USSR. WHILE THIS NUMBER HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAR SMALLER THAN SOVIETS CLAIM, OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SOVIETS THAT LIST IS SERIOUS AND MEANINGFUL EMBASSY APPEAL WOULD BE WEAKENED IF LARGE NUMBER OF ALREADY RESOLVED CASES APPEAR ON LIST.

3. ANOTHER IMPORTANT REASON FOR REVISING LIST WOULD BE TO
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INCLUDE FAMILIES WHOSE U.S. SPONSORS HAVE CORRESPONDED WITH

THE EMBASSY, BUT APPARENTLY NOT THE DEPARTMENT, REQUESTING THEIR RELATIVES BE ADDED TO LIST. EMBASSY'S REPLIES TO THESE SPONSORES HAVE ASSURED THEM THEIR RELATIVES WOULD APPEAR ON "SUBSEQUENT LISTS." TO OMIT THEM FROM FROM NEW LIST WOULD AMOUNT TO BEACH OF FAITH ON EMBASSY'S PART.

4. FINALLY, REVISIONS OF NAME SPELLINGS AND EXIT APPLICATION DATA TO REFLECT LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN THE INTEREST OF PRESENTING ACCURATE LIST.

5. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTION, EMBASSY INTENDS REVISE AND TYPE NEW LIST, AIMING FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS TIME. FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WOULD BE OBSERVED:

(A) NAMES WOULD BE DELETED FROM LIST AUTOMATICALLY ONLY IF EMBASSY AWARE EXIT PERMISSION RECEIVED, AND CASES LISTED BY DEPARTMENT OF WHICH EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD WOULD REMAIN ON REVISED LIST. EMBASSY WOULD, HOWEVER, SUBMIT ADDITIONAL PROPOSED DELETIONS TELEGRAPHICALLY TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION.

(B) ONLY CASES IN WHICH EMBASSY FILES REFLECT ACTIVE PURSUIT OF EXIT APPLICATION ON PART OF BOTH APPLICANT AND U.S. SPONSOR WOULD BE ADDED.

6. EMBASSY REGRETS NECESSITY TO DELAY PRESENTATION OF LIST BY SIX WEEKS, BUT REVISION UNLIKELY TO BE CMMPLETED EARLIER SINCE EACH ENTRY MUST BE PERSONALLY CHECKED BY AMERICAN OFFICER DURING PERIOD OF CONSULAR SECTION PERSONNEL TURNOVER AND SHORTAGES. COPY OF REVISED LIST WOULD BE POUCHED EUR/SOV AS SOON AS REVISION COMPLETED.
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